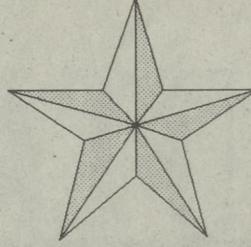


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Los Angeles Valley College

## CAMPUS LIFE

### STUDENT HEALTH CLINIC

Offers help to students for HIV testing, stress and depression.

HIV Testing  
- Sept. 9, 9a.m. to 1p.m. and Sept. 10, 4p.m. to 6p.m.

Nutrition and Cholesterol - Sept. 24, 12p.m. to 1p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6p.m.  
in fireside room at campus center.

### LAVC PLANETARIUM

Presents "E.T. The Real Search" - Friday, Sept. 19, 8p.m.  
General admission is \$3.50. Students with ASU ID and seniors \$2.50. Children 8-16 \$2.00. Sorry, no admission to children under 8.  
Save your ticket stub, space poster drawing at end of show.

### COUNSELING WORKSHOPS SERIES

Sept. 16, Transfer Alliance Program - Dr. Michael Gold  
Sept. 23, Financial Aid - Sister Brace Rabideau and Mr. David Ritterband  
Sept. 30, Review for Athletic Eligibility - Mr. Reggie Reed

### TOWNHALL MEETING ON THE BUDGET

Sept. 17, 12:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in fireside room at campus center.

### CLUBS

Every other Wednesday is club day at Valley College. The next club day is Wed., Sept. 24. See ASU for more information

## PROPOSITION 209

BY CARMEN PINTO  
STAR REPORTER

Proposition 209, the measure to end Affirmative Action was legalized effective August 28, 1997. It prohibited discrimination and preferential treatment by State and other public entities.

Prop. 209 was introduced by State and Federal Legislature in the November 5, 1996 Ballot. It was approved by the majority of voters, who were in favor of ending Affirmative Action. Opponents, however, immediately took the measure to a U.S. District court where a temporary restraining order was granted.

It remains to be seen what the approval of Prop. 209 will accomplish. For now, many unsatisfied individuals, specifically minorities, continue to demand an appeal.

Valley College students voiced their concerns regarding this measure. Some students believe the approval of Prop. 209 will give Caucasians the preferential treatment once again.

Photos by Zachary Wade

## Cutting Class

BY REBEKAH FOWLER  
STAR REPORTER

Valley College has been ordered to cut 3.4 million dollars from their 1997-98 fiscal year budget by the Los Angeles Community College District.

"If our expenses in 1997-98 are the same as they were in 1996-97 we will over spend our current allocation by 3.4 million dollars, therefore, we have to eliminate some expenses," said Valley College President Tyree Wieder.

One week before the Fall semester began 102 classes were canceled as part of the elimination of expenses. Many students and faculty found out their classes were canceled on the first day of school.

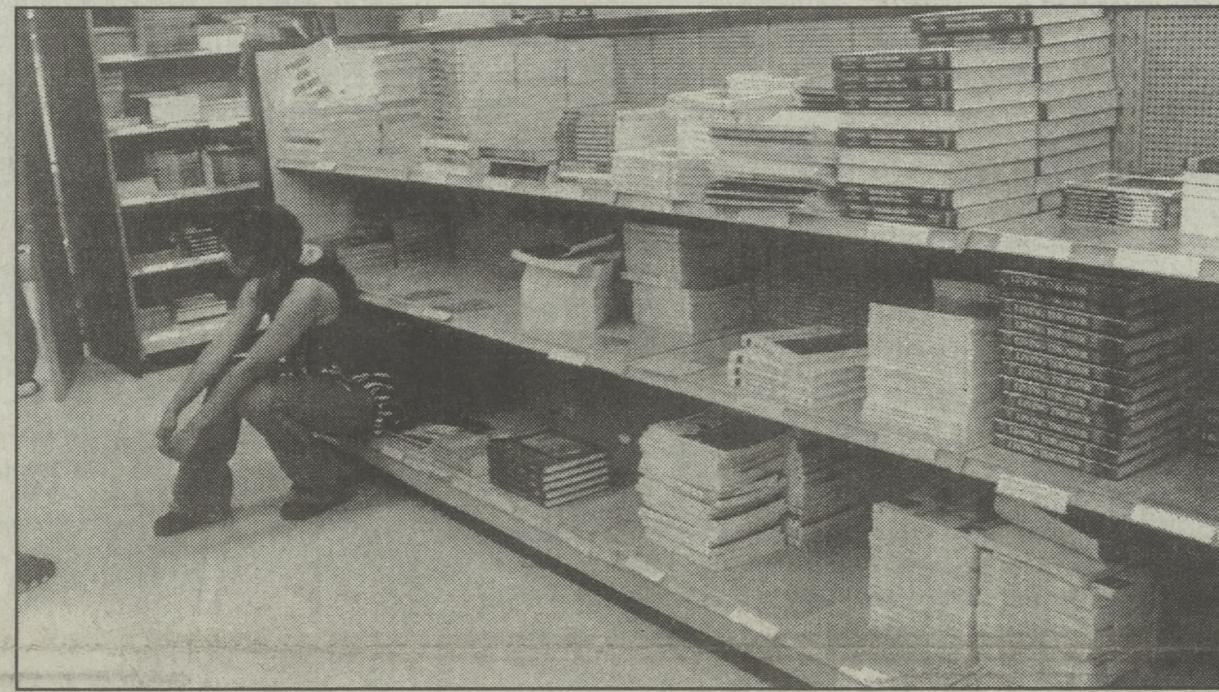
The final decision on the budget is expected to be made at the district's board of trustees meeting Monday.

Adjunct faculty member Frank Bello said although disappointed he understood that it was a business decision. Bello taught a public relations class in the evenings at Valley.

Classes with less than 15 students enrolled were cut from the Fall schedule. There were also cutbacks in the evening Library hours, the Learning Center and Math Lab hours. The entire campus will be affected by the budget cut Wieder said.

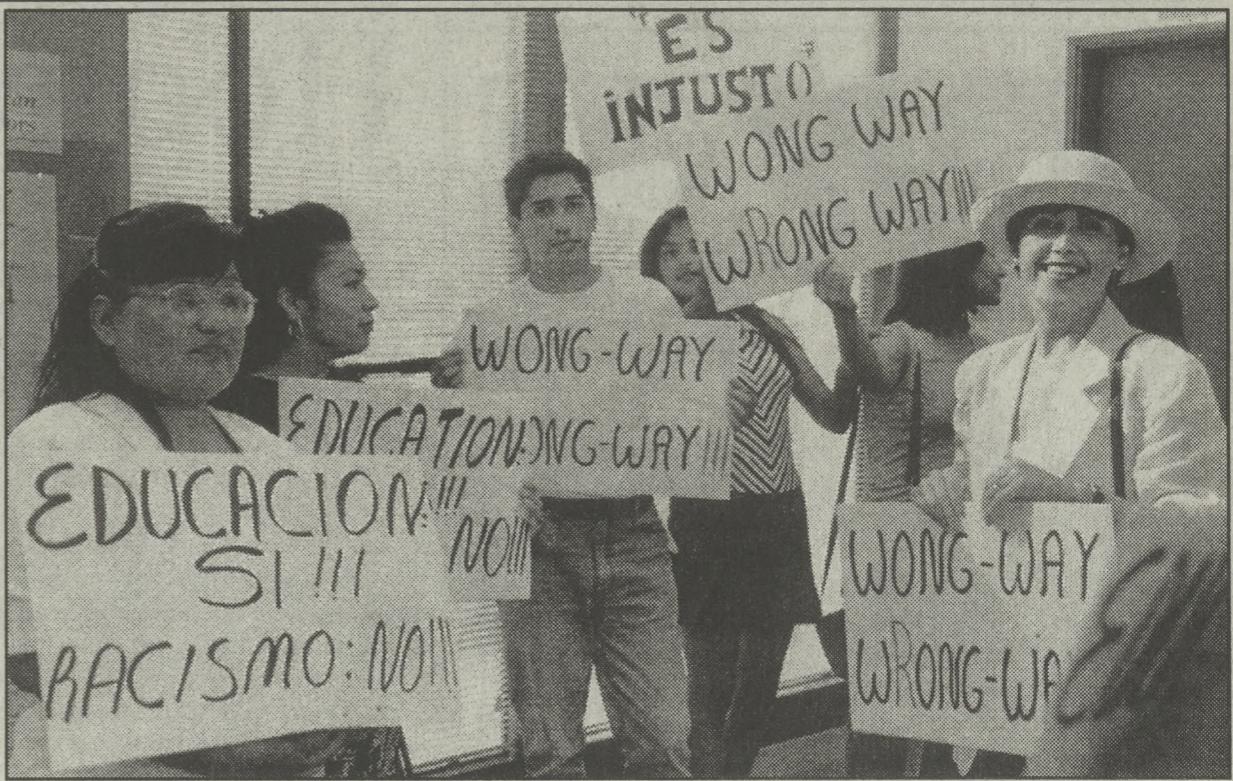
Although classes were canceled several departments had classes that were combined for one class. There were 15 classes added to the Fall schedule. The process is just beginning, according to Wieder, but there will be no more classes cut from the Fall schedule.

"It was very bad. Luckily I was able to get another class. I think that it is unfair because that is why we are here to get an education," said Diane Melk a social science major.



Valley student awaits the arrival of text books

Luis Vasquez/Valley Star



West Valley students demonstrate at recent LACCD board meeting.

Maria Ivey/Valley Star

Students from Valley College, are planning a rally to protest the budget-cutting. They are taking their rally to the LACCD's office on September 15, 1997.

"We cannot allow them to cutback the student services. If we don't do something now Valley College won't have a future," said Deborah Greenspan, business administration major. The LACCD Chancellor Bill Segura said the budget-cutting strategy was not a bogus scheme by his administration to fight the unions or to punish anyone. It is an attempt to protect jobs while strengthening their financial footing. Budget cuts were ordered to all of 10 the community colleges within this district.

At a recent board meeting Carl Freidlander, President of AFT urged the board not

## Math Lab Hours Substract

By SYLVIA FIGUEROA  
STAR REPORTER

Hours for the math lab have been drastically reduced due to budget cuts from the Los Angeles Community College District.

The math lab, was first opened during the Fall of 1995 for a period of one year and it was originally operated by paid tutors. Funded by the Associated Student Union and the Valley College Budget; for the purpose of assisting students in math tutoring, math computer tutorials and videotapes for some math courses.

Mary Hito explains that \$22,000 yearly is needed to run the lab. The lab was available to students for a total of 38 hours per week, last year.

The math lab today is being operated by volunteer tutors only, whom are available during the daytime. Hours have been reduced to 25 hours per week, without any evening hours.

available.

Arlene Arcas, evening student enrolled in Math 115 commented, With the need to maintain a day job, it is impossible to visit and get any tutoring during the day hours. I may need to drop this class if I am unable to get the extra help I need for my homework and exams.

Kirsten Wilson, who is also enrolled in this class said, "I simply feel it is an injustice to the evening students, who are left suffering the consequences of this reduction of hours."

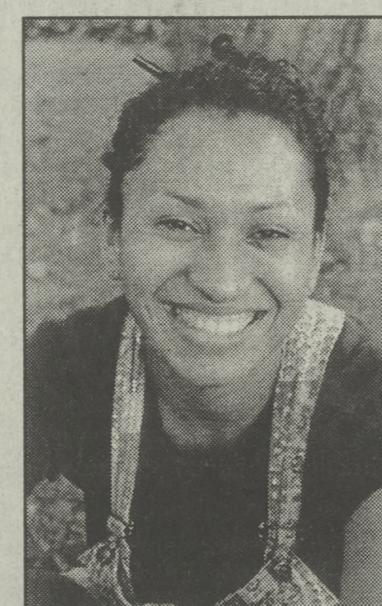
Hito attended an ASU meeting on Tuesday and said that \$1,200 was offered to the math lab. She is uncertain as to when evening hours will be added to the math lab's current schedule.

It is not known whether the math lab will offer evening hours.

In the meantime evening students are suffering the consequences of these changes.

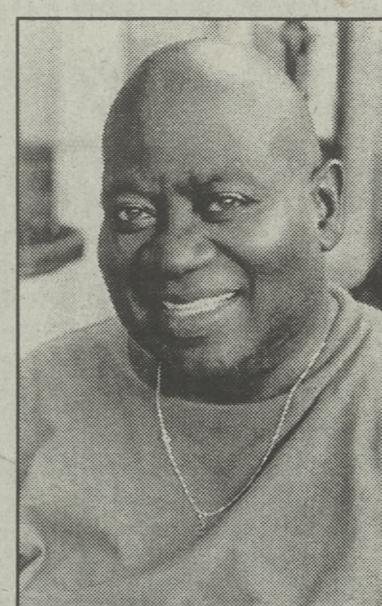


Maria Ivey/Valley Star



We should all have equal opportunity to go to school. It shouldn't matter what race we are its important what knowledge we have.

Anna Castillo



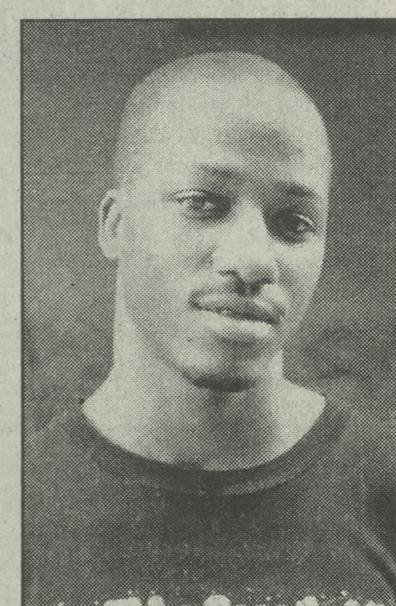
It is a ploy to keep down African American and Hispanics from getting the proper assistance from the state for education.

Daniel Young



It's good in some cases and bad in others. It depends on who is doing the hiring.

Franny White



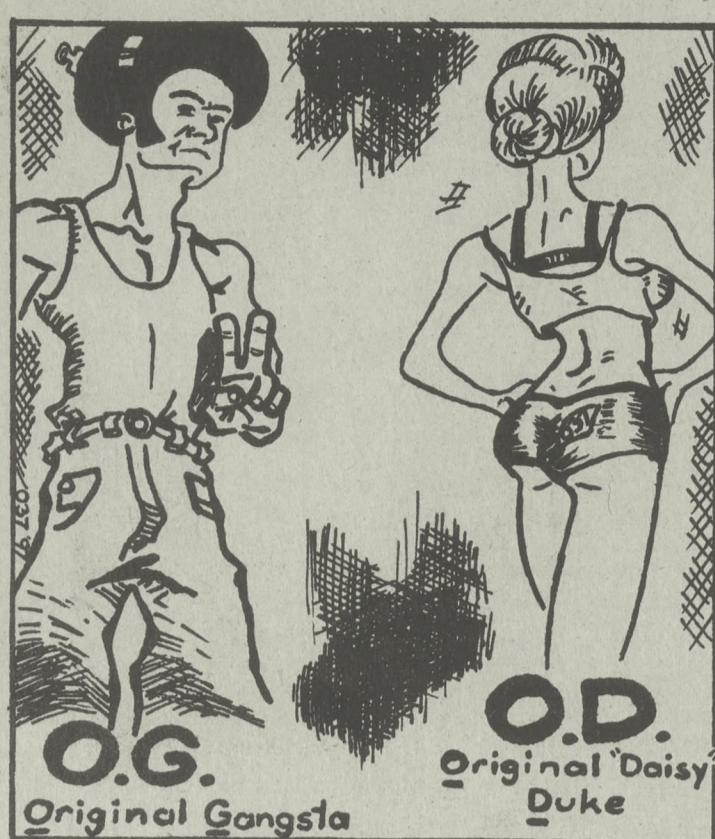
I think we should have kept Affirmative Action because everything is not on an even playing field.

Hasan Johnson

# OPINION

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## Hootchieville?

By LIZ RODRIGUEZ  
STAR REPORTER

The thermometer bursts as sweltering summer heat threatens to turn Los Angeles into a giant ocean of perspiration.

Meanwhile, Valley College students are forced to attend class in pitiful, unairconditioned classrooms that seem more like broilers.

In order to stay cool, students have to wear a minimal amount of clothes; sandals, shorts and tank tops, which is completely understandable.

This isn't the 1800s when people were forced to cover up 95 percent of their bodies, but ladies, really, this does not mean we have the right to dress like Hootchie Mama's.

A couple of weeks back, a girl strutted from

the bungalow area to one of the buildings on the other side of campus. She was clad in skintight underwear-length jean shorts, a bare midriff, spaghetti-strap tank top (white bra straps glaring) and 5 inch Frankenstein-in-drag platform forms.

She looked like something that belonged on the Sunset Strip at 4 a.m.

Unfortunately, she is not the only one.

There are many who wear tiny skirts and minuscule cleavage exposing blouses, which let's face it, leave nothing to a man's imagination.

The shoes, well, every woman must have great shoes, but let it be known that the prettier a shoe is, the more uncomfortable it is.

**"Some men cannot help but gawk at scantily clad women, and some women can't help but stare in disgust."**

## Who Asked U?

By LEO SMITH  
STAR REPORTER

I wish I had the gall to write about something other than the death of a Princess, but I don't have the humility to let an event like this pass by without spewing out my opinion.

As a minuscule fraction of a gear revolving in the media machine I am not immune to a feeling of having had a hand in her murder.

Luckily, I quickly exorcised such thoughts and am not about to sit

down and lay that blame on anyone else (the guilty know who they are).

The Princess was above such finger pointing, and I will attempt in this rant to honor her spirit in deed, not misdirected anger.

It is pointless to wax poetic on someone whose every moment was documented for an adoring, and possibly suffocating, public.

For a Princess whose every move was an exercise in flawless grace, that adoration was warrant-

ed tenfold.

The Princess was not oblivious to this attention and, unlike others in similar positions, unwaveringly lent her royal title to causes unpalatable to most celebrities, let alone a monarchy.

Her manipulation of the media lent an air of regality to causes both gut-wrenching and distinctly glamourless.

Before her, who cared about innocent land mine victims in some war-torn nation time forgot or victims closer to home whom Christ wouldn't touch (mere exaggeration, I don't mean to piss off the zealously religious)?

Whether it was a hug given to a leper, a tear shed for a land mine victim or a not-so-simple glance shared with a dying AIDS sufferer, her compassion was assuredly genuine and infectious.

Quite on purpose, she deftly channeled our adoration for her into these minor tragedies, drawing us intimately into the suffering of others.

That was her gift, not a hokey fairy tale ending for herself, but the ability to fulfill the wishes of others.

Given the choice, it is a fate most of us would forsake, but one she snatched with open arms.

Sure, Mother Theresa did the same thing for those God forgot long before the Princess was conceived, God bless her.

However, we expect that selflessness from nuns, not royalty.

Finally, the Princess' legacy will not be the sum of her personal tragedies, but the ascension of her young Prince to the throne.

Her child will, hopefully, be the embodiment of that very compassion that separated the Princess from her in-laws.

Long live the Monarchy! Hip, hip, hooray and all that crap.

Next Week: Police Brutality

### What's Your Opinion?

The Valley Star would love to receive and if possible, publish your letters. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist or sexually oriented denigrations. Letters must be signed and include student's ID number. Letters may be left with the Valley Star at BJ 114 by Friday morning for the following Thursday. Also, look for our mailboxes or E-mail to Wordmker@aol.com.

## The Truth Hurts: Are You Wasting Your Time?

By DEEANNE MCCLAIN  
OPINION EDITOR

Some students are spending more time dropping classes than attending them.

Last spring, out of almost 14,000 Valley College students, about 4,000 dropped some or all of their classes, according to Margaret Redmon, Senior Office Supervisor of Admissions.

Almost one third of all active students dropped classes during the Fall '96 semester. What is the deal with that? The rules on dropping appear to be far too lax.

Students should have less time to drop their classes in order to make room for those who are desperately running for that class. How about only three days to drop a class without a fee and 10 school days instead of 20 to drop without receiving a "W"?

What if the teachers start dropping those who don't even have it together enough to attend the first class?

These ideas may sound too tough, but what about those who are on the waiting list, attending class and doing homework? Imagine that desperate student who has to wait until the drop deadline to see if they can be added into that class. They could be sacrificing their whole class schedule just because some slacker can't decide if they can handle the work load.

Community colleges get funded for the number of bodies, or lack

thereof, in their classrooms and lose money again when students drop their classes. It can't be cheap to process 4,000 drop slips.

These are things that students who sign up for classes should think about. The college budget affects us all. Several classes were canceled just this semester due to budget cuts.

Don't get me wrong. If one has a valid reason to drop a class due to work or family emergencies, exceptions should of course be made. But there are those who sign up for classes knowing that they will probably drop it, or those who drop just because the class seems hard or boring.

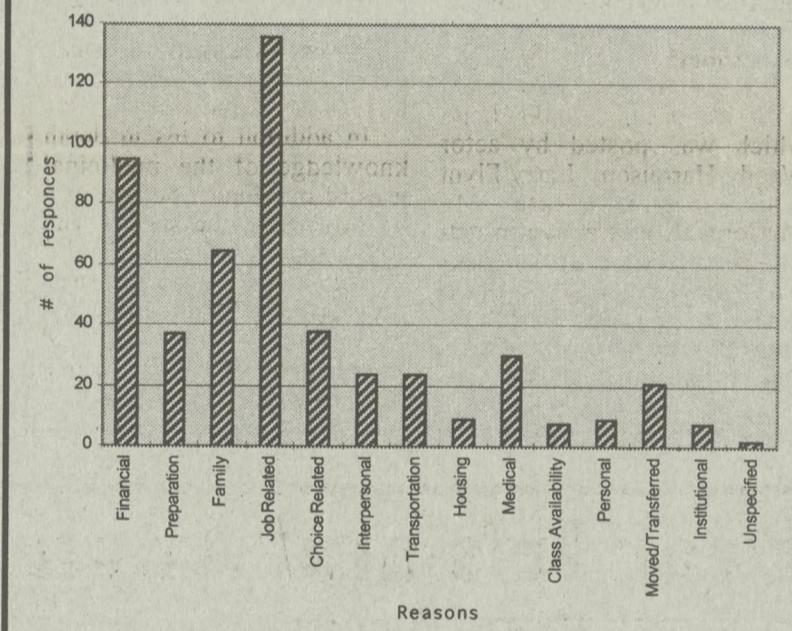
What a waste of everyone's time. This is college, kids. It is not supposed to be easy. College is like a job. One doesn't always get to choose one's boss or duties. The pay is a degree or enough units to transfer.

So what about those who drop out all together? President Tyree Wieder's office conducted a survey last fall of about 300 students who dropped and the results are not surprising. Most people drop due to work related, family or financial reasons.

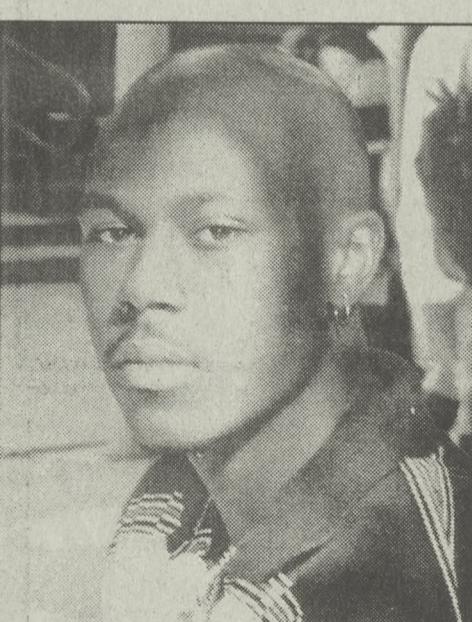
Those in the choice related category dropped because they had unclear goals, took too many units or did not know the college policies on drop dates. Students who left due to preparation had either poor English language or math skills, or checked that the classes were too hard or that they were getting poor grades.

Interpersonal reasons include problems with instructors, problems

Reasons For Withdrawing Survey, Fall '96



with someone in class and problems with college personnel. Are these really good reasons to drop classes? Why don't people take their future more seriously? Tough it out folks. All of our futures may depend on it.



"Sometimes other things take priority over school. You gotta do what you gotta do, like put money in your pocket and food on the table, but if you're just dropping because you're bored, that's silly. That is why they give you a catalog of what the class is going to be about."

Cameron Perry



"You should be able to drop at the beginning but there should be a deadline. Dropping with a "W" shouldn't even be an option. You should have the first couple of weeks to drop it and after that you should get a fail. By then you should know if you can do it or not."

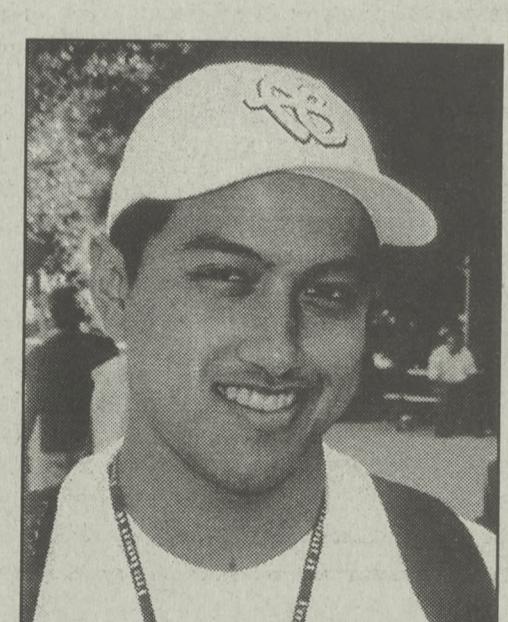
Shani Pahjuddin

Your  
Thoughts  
on  
Dropping  
Classes



"They should know what they want and they should know that they are in college and that this is not high school. They should decide what they want beforehand. There is no way you can keep someone from dropping out of class, but the fee should remain with the school."

Dr. Pat McClenahan



"Kids think that this is just community college, they don't have a good work ethic. They don't want to be committed."

Jeff Ocampo

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# FEATURES & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Shooting the Machine...

By IRIS BROWN  
STAR REPORTER

This semester Los Angeles Valley College's Broadcasting Department, chaired by Professor Jack Sterk, is in the process of developing a student production company called "The Machine."

The Machine has named Alan Sacks, former director of "Welcome Back Kotter," as its executive producer. Sacks, currently the instructor for Broadcasting 1, 25, and 26, said, "Through this experience students

will acquire professional skills and procedures to obtain employment."

In addition, crew members for The Machine have brought Professor Scott Merrifield from the broadcasting department as co-producer.

Merrifield will be instrumental in field production. Other instructors include Betty Ballew, Andreen Zahler and Gail Nastasia, who is also working on the developing of a cable magazine.

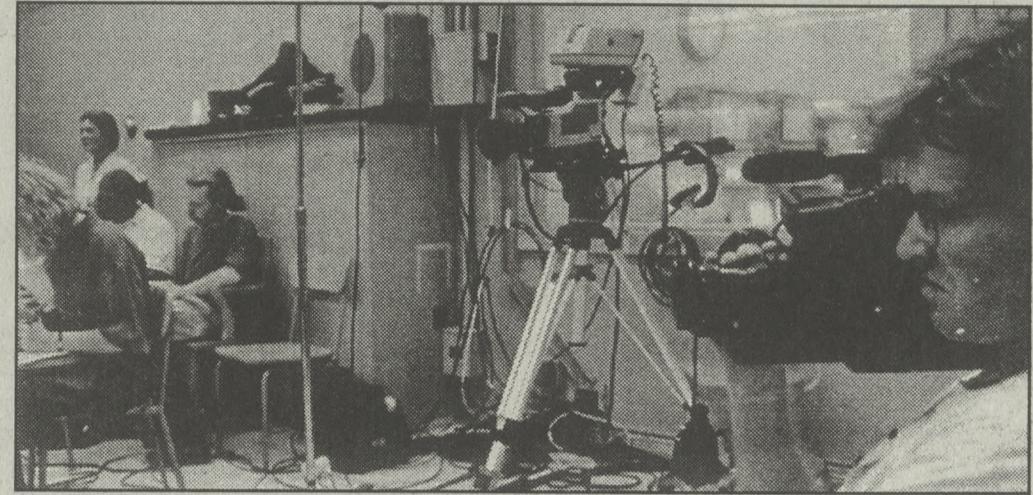
The Machine's present project is about life here on campus, high-

lighting behind the scenes action as it occurs.

Field members will be talking with students about attending school here, how to handle college classes and many other topics.

The Machine plans to show plenty of substance at LAVC.

The first scheduled shooting was Sept. 10 in front of Monarch Hall for "Club Day." The Machine's plans to shoot at various locations and events including water polo on Sept. 16 and 18, as well as Assistant Dean of Student Services' John Barnhart's farewell dinner on Sept. 19.

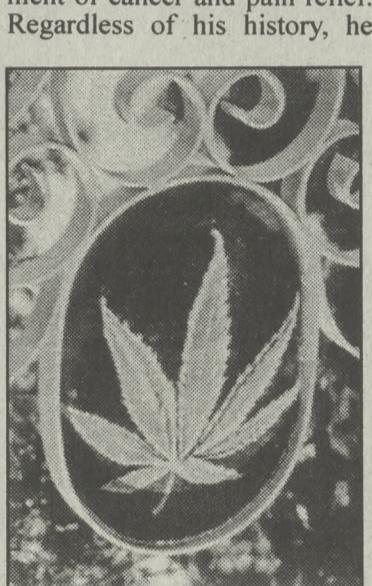


Crew members work on a scene at a LAVC room.

### Marijuana Man: Todd McCormick to speak at LAVC

Cancer victim/activist will discuss the positive side of pot on Sept. 24 at 11am.

By ANGELA LUSSIER  
STAR REPORTER



facing a mandatory ten year sentence if convicted.

He has graciously accepted our invitation to speak here at L.A. Valley College.

In addition to his in depth knowledge of the medicinal uses of marijuana, he will also be discussing the history and vast potential of hemp.

Please join us on the steps outside the administration building for what promises to be an interesting and informative event.

### Dear Iris and Angie

By IRIS BROWN and ANGELA LUSSIER  
STAR REPORTERS

**Dear Students:** This semester we are changing the format of our advice column. We think the old adage, "two heads are better than one" is true.

I am happy to join The Valley Star as half of Iris & Angie.

Both Iris and I have counseling experience (Iris as the advice columnist for the LA TradeTech College, and myself as a counselor at a Massachusetts shelter for abused teens).

We are here to help LAVC students. It is my hope that those students who are experiencing personal difficulties will allow

us to help.

Let me be very clear. No subject is off limits. Sexuality, depression, anxiety, and addiction are issues that don't often get discussed openly; yet they affect many of us on a daily basis.

In addition to giving friendly but candid advice, we will also try to refer those in need to the appropriate experts.

Thank you,  
Angie

**Dear Iris & Angie:** I have a serious crush on one of the finest teachers here on campus. I stay after class just to look at him as he helps other students with extra explanations on his lec-

tures. I become involved in the conversations. I know that I'm one of his favorite students from last semester. He is cool and I want to ask him out on a date, or over to my apartment for drinks, dinner and dancing. Please tell me how to go about doing this. I need a tactful way to approach him.

Seriously in love with my instructor

**Take it away, Iris...**

**Dear In Love With My Instructor:** The best advise I can give you may not be what you want to hear. Consider finding a new love interest. Possibly a fellow student but not another professor, please. This situation could only cause you both heartache and pain. It is not professional nor ethical for students

to date their instructors. You could cause this fine teacher his job. Then he might not hold your interest anymore. Teachers have always been idolized and loved by their students. Some of us fantasize more than others. Take some good advise and let it be a fantasy only. I know a student who dated one of her professors and it turned out to be more disastrous than you can imagine.

Sincerely, with your best  
Interest In Mind,  
Iris

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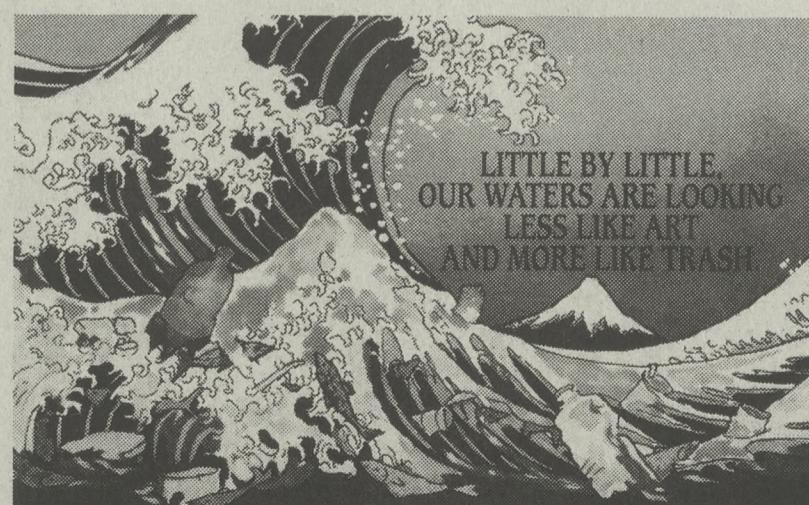
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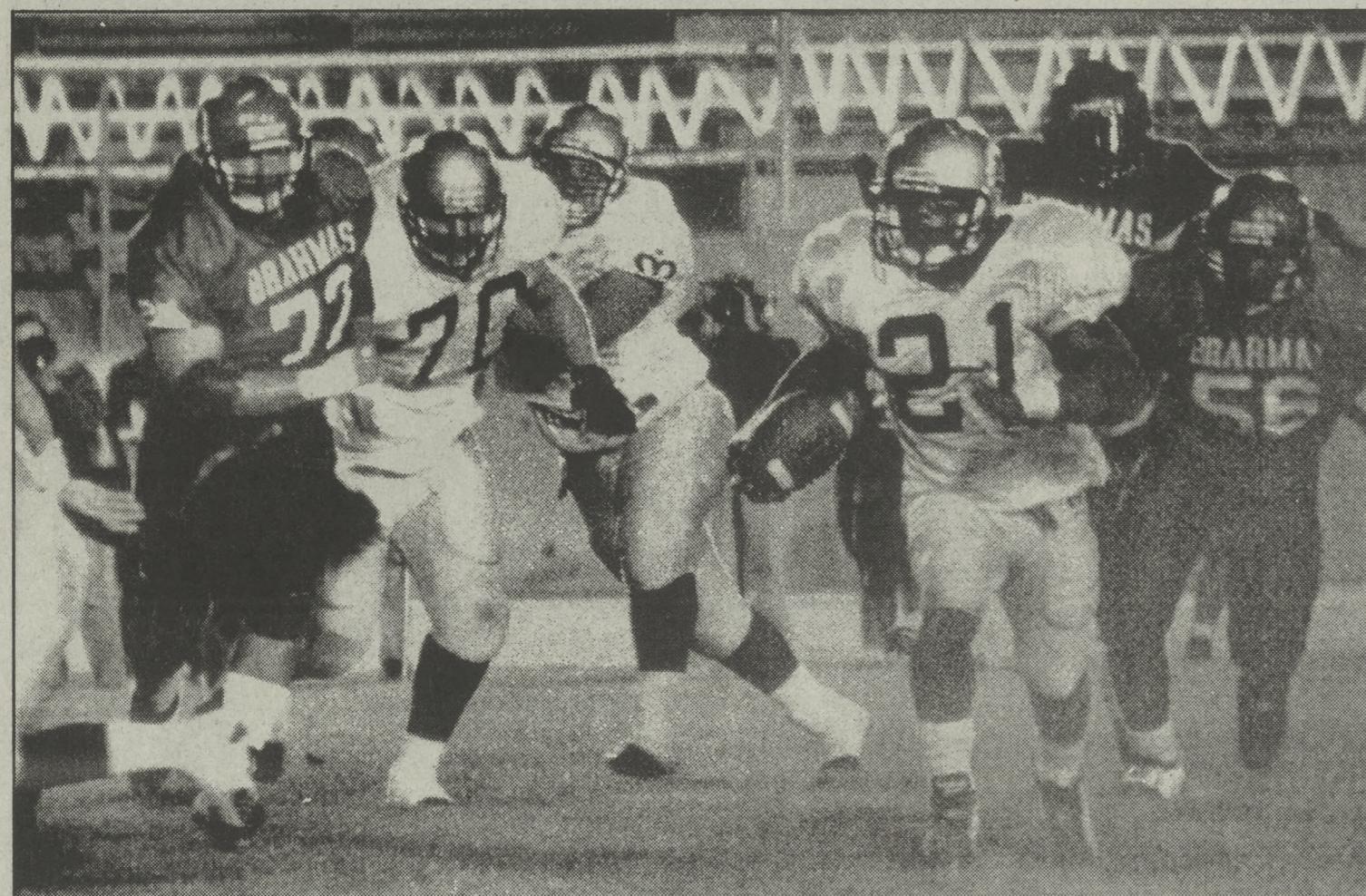
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# SPORTS

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## Monarch Football is Back With Some New Faces



Last year's running back Marcus Harvey breaks through the defense line of Pierce College. Carola Danielsson/Valley Star

By BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTER

With the start of the new football season come some changes for the Monarch football team.

The first of these changes comes in the head coach's position. Former Head Coach Jim Fenwick was offered and accepted a position as head football coach at California State University at Northridge, leaving his position open. Upon Barlow's departure, the job was filled by Offensive Coordinator Gary Barlow. Barlow became the offensive coordinator at Valley in 1993.

Other changes that took place include the loss of 1996 All State quarterback David Lins, who transferred to San Diego State University. Sophomore Tom Raciuss will replace Lins. Leaford Hackett will be returning to the wide receiver position trying to add to his 32 receptions from last year.

Last year's Second Team Defensive Player Jeff Macrae, along with Edgar Nava and Damion Thompson will lead the defense this year.

These five players along with the rest of the returning players, who make up approximately 60% of the

team, were part of last year's team that finished the season ranked number two in California and third in the nation among community colleges. The also helped the team to a victory over Allen Hancock in the 1996 No Fear Bowl.

"We have a good sophomore class," Coach Barlow said. "We also have great leadership and great coaching."

Coach Barlow said he was happy with the coaches' success in recruiting.

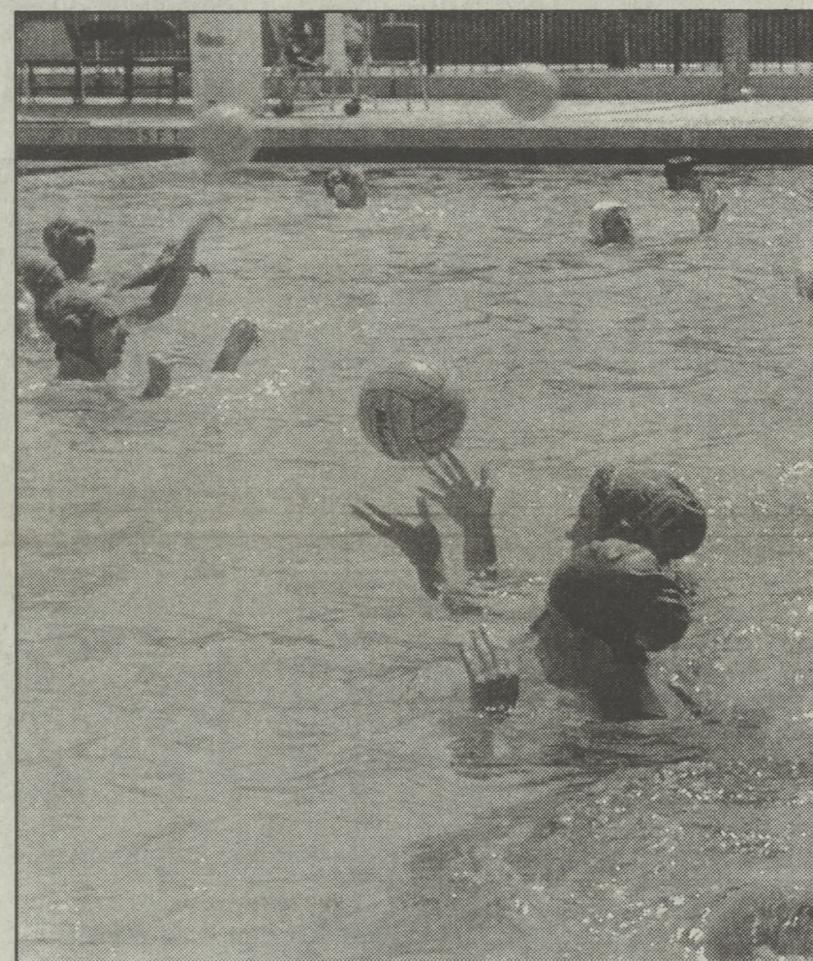
"We got every player that we wanted to except one," Coach Barlow said.

This year's schedule has the Monarchs facing off against three or four of the top defenses in the conference.

Coach Barlow said that they have the players to be a successful team, but he would like to work on a few things.

The first thing he would like to work on is the kicking game. He said that it is not a weakness, but it's an important part of the game. The other thing, is he would like the team to play a more consistent brand of defense.

The Monarchs will play their first home game on Oct. 4 against Bakersfield.



The men's and women's water polo team practice for the new season. Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

## Women's Water Polo Team Enters Its Inaugural Season

By BEN ALTER  
STAR REPORTER

The first season of the women's water polo team is about to begin.

Head Coach Wonmeen Jun said that he isn't expecting a lot from the team this season, due to the fact that there are a lot of inexperienced players on the team. The only thing that he said he is expecting is improvement.

"There is a big gap in the ability of the team," Jun said. "There are girls on the team who never played the game before. The most important thing now is to get them to mesh together well."

Another important factor of the team Jun said, is the age difference of the members of the team. The members ages range from

about 18 to 34.

Jun is new to coaching. He started his career at Valley as a swimmer and a member of the men's volleyball team.

Jun said that he would like to see some of the more experienced girls help the less experienced girls. Two of the more experienced girls on the team are Stephanie Hammer and Paulette Bonetti.

"I started playing water polo in high school," Hammer said. "I needed P.E. credits in high school, and it was a lot of fun, so I stuck with it."

Bonetti said that some of the girls are still learning the basics of water polo, such as ball handling skills.

The women open up the season on Sept. 12th and 13th in the Cypress Tournament.

### 1997 MEN'S WATER POLO SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
09/12	Mt. Sac. Tournament	All Day	Mt. Sac.
09/13	El Camino	3:30	Valley
09/17	Cuesta	3:30	Valley
09/24	Rio Hondo	3:30	Valley
09/25	Cerritos	3:30	Cerritos
09/27	Cypress Tournament	All Day	Cypress
10/01	Santa Monica	3:30	Santa Monica
10/03	Citrus Tournament	All Day	Citrus
10/04	Alumni	7:00	Valley
10/08	Ventura	3:30	Ventura
10/10	Pierce	3:30	Pierce
10/15	Fullerton	3:30	Fullerton
10/16	East Los Angeles	3:00	East Los Angeles
10/22	Citrus	3:30	Citrus
10/28	Chaffey	3:30	Chaffey
11/01	W.S.C. Tournament	All Day	Cuesta
11/05	So. CA Playoff Game	3:30	TBA
11/07	So. CA Playoffs	All Day	Long Beach
11/14	State Playoffs	All Day	Northern CA

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